Nexus between army officers and Lashkar-e-Taeba

†2772. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice through the CID and media reports recently that some Army officers and soldiers have nexus with Lashkar-e-Taeba and other terrorist organizations;

(b) whether it has also been noticed that such soldiers and military officers supply arms and ammunition to the terrorists and help them in terrorists activities; and

(c) if so, what action Government are going to take in this regard and what action has been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A case of involvement of three Army personnel with a terrorist outfit has come to the notice of the Government. No officer is involved in the case.

(b) and (c) The concerned Army personnel have admitted procuring of items such as clothing, boots, torch cells and SIM cards for the terrorists. The matter is under investigation and suitable action will be taken against the concerned Army personnel, depending on the outcome of the investigation.

Modernisation of fighters and transport aircrafts

†2773. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Force has made any plan to modernize its fighter planes and transport aircraft by the year 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to upgrade and modernize MiG-21, MiG-29, Jaguar, French Mirage-2000 and other fighter planes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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